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Subject: Waiver of part 25 licensing requirement for receive-only Earth stations operating with the Galileo radionavigation-satellite service – IB Docket No. 17-16

On January 17, 2018, Pierre Delsaux, Paul Flament, Dominic Hayes and Jean-Luc Bald of the European Commission (EC) met with Julius Knapp and Ronald Repasi of the Office of Engineering and Technology, and Tom Sullivan, Troy Tanner, Jose Albuquerque and Karl Kensinger of the International Bureau, to discuss the status of the request for waiver under consideration in IB Docket No. 17-16.

The EC received an update on the progress of the request for a waiver from the Commission and highlighted the benefits to the U.S. economy that will result from Galileo being used in combination with GPS. Galileo has been operational for over one year and its capabilities are being incorporated into a growing number of smartphones and other devices sold and used in the U.S. Many U.S. companies are seeking a positive outcome on the waiver application so that their end users can utilize Galileo's benefits with legal clarity.

The Commission indicated that the application is being considered internally and in consultation with government departments, but could not give an indication of when a decision would be made.

The EC urged timely action from the Commission to provide clarity for Galileo users in the U.S. for all the frequency bands included in the waiver application.

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